THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) Bulk of Indian exports to Jordan consists of engineering goods, agricultural commodities like wheat, rice and tea.

(b) Rupee equivalent of foreign exchange earned by total exports made to Jordan during the last three years is as under:-

1988-89	Rs. 23.49 crores
1989-90	Rs. 15.75 crores
1990-91	Rs. 57.24 crores

(c) and (d). Efforts are being made to increase exports to Jordan. Steps taken in this direction include bilateral discussions at Govt. to Govt. level in Joint Trade Committee meetings, exchange of business delegations, participation in trade fairs, and counter trade deals.

New Rubber Policy

703. SHRI BAPU HARI CHAURE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have recently announced a new rubber policy; and

(b) if so, the broad details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b). Government has allowed export of 14,000 metric tonnes of natural rubber consisting of 3,000 tonnes of centrifuged latex (dry rubber content), 5000 tonnes of ISNR - 20 grades of crumb rubber and 6000 tonnes of off-grade rubber (Other than RMA -4 and RMA- 5 grades) by private exporters, keeping in view the surplus availability and to arrest the decline in price.

The State Trading Corporation of India has also been allowed to export some rubber from its stock.

No export has, however, taken place so far.

Projects from H.P. Pending Clearance

704. SHRI D. D. KHANORIA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the projects and schemes submitted by Himachal Pradesh pending clearance with the Union Government;

(b) the present position in each case;

(c) the target date for their clearance; and

(d) whether these are likely to be included under Annual Plan for 1992-93?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c). A statement is attached.

(d) No indication about this can be given as the 8th Plan is yet to be finalised.

STATEMENT

List of Projects/Schemes received from Himachal Pradesh pending clearance

Sl. No.	*Details of the project*	*Present position of the case*	*Target date of clearance*
1	*2*	*3*	*4*
	NATIONAL HIGHWAY WORKS		
1.	Kullu byepass on NH-21	EFC memo is under preparation	June, 1992
2.	Seven minor bridges on NH-20 (in Kms. 61,70,79, 146, 176, 177 and 179	Included in Annual Plan 1991-92	March, 1992
3.	NH-20 Improvemtne to narrow and low grade sections	Under serutiny	31-3.92
4.	Reconstruction of damaged culverts on NH- 21 Km. 295/0 to 305/0	Under scrutiny	31.3.92
	CRF WORKS		

The Himachal Pradesh Govvernment has forwarded 44 schemes costing Rs. 35.68 crores under their CRF programme for 8th Plan perod. These schemes could not be processed for approval as actual augmentation of CRF in accordance with the revised Resolution passed by Parliament on 13-5-88, has not taken place so far. As soon as actual augmentation takes place, the schemes will be processed for approval taking into account inters priority and availability of funds etc.

DECLARATION OF NATIONAL HIGHWAYS

State Government has recommended two roads (i.e. Khundi Maharahal-Sundala-Chamba-Shahpur-Swarghat-Nalagarh-Paonta-Dehradun Road and Thakurdwara (Palampur)-Hamirpur-Nadaun-Gagret-Hoshiarpur Road) for declaration of new National Highways in the 8th Plan. Decision on these can be taken only after the finalisation of the 8th Plan by the Planning Commisson depending on overall provisions, availability of funds etc.

Sl. No.	Details of the project	Present position of the case	Target date of clearance
1	2	3	4
	E & I LOAN ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME		
	(i) Lal Dhank-Paonta-Rajban-Rohroo-Sungiti-Narkanda including bridge over Sainj Khad.	The decision about approving these projects can be taken only after finalisation of the 8th Plan by the Planning Commission when the outlay for E & I Programme becomes known.	
	(ii) Khundi Mahrahal-Sundala-Chamba-Shahpur-Swarghat-Nalagarh-Paonta-Debradu-Dehradun.		
	(iii) Thakurdwara (Palampur)-Hamirpur-Nadaun-Gagret-Hoshiarpur Road.		